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Moni



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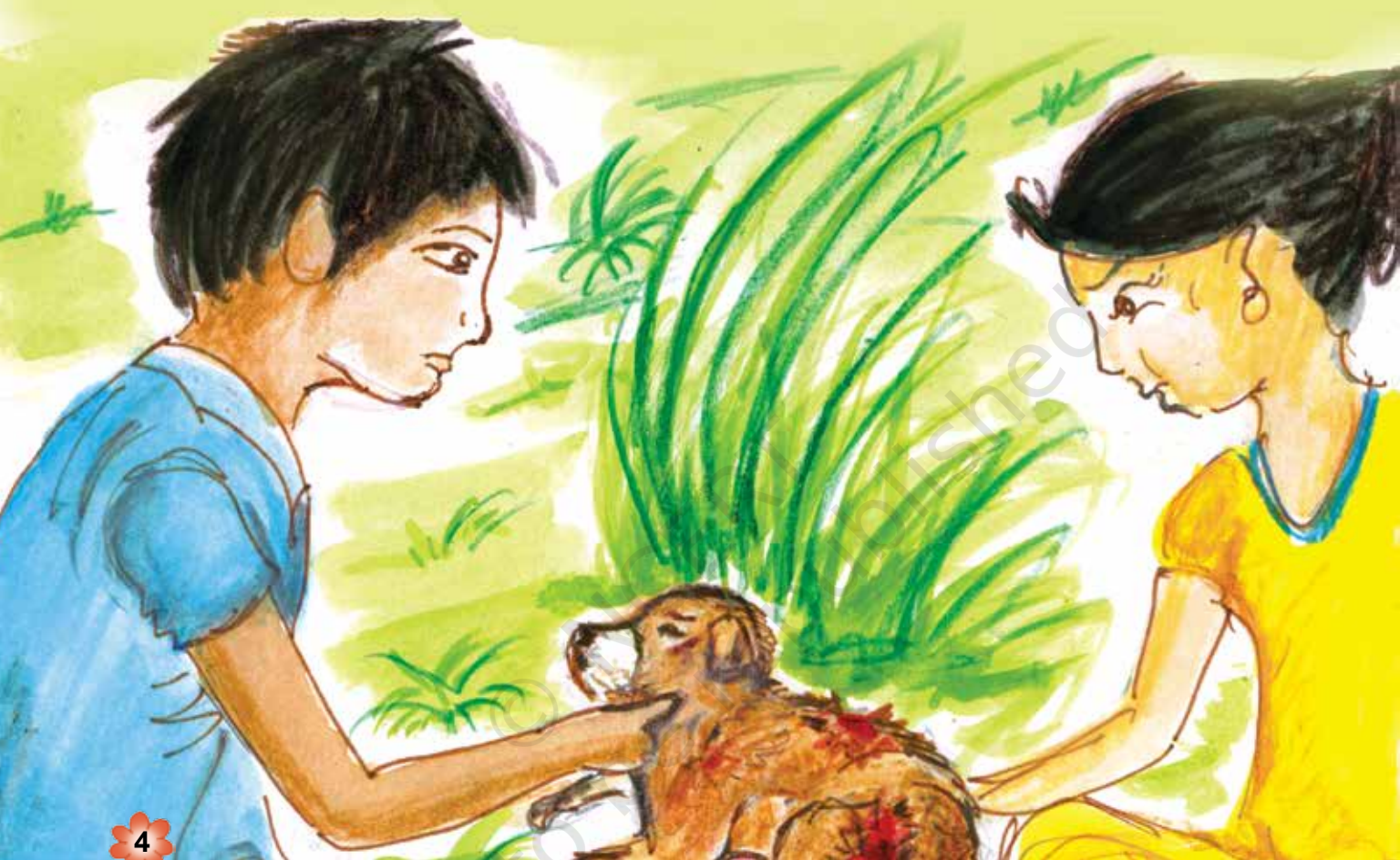
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**One day Kajal and Madhav were playing.
While playing, they heard a whimper.**



**Kajal saw a puppy in the corner.
The puppy had several wounds.**



**The puppy's wounds were bleeding.
Madhav stroked the puppy lovingly.**



**Kajal went home to bring some medicines.
Madhav kept stroking the puppy lovingly.**



Kajal and Madhav together cleaned the puppy's wounds. Then they bandaged its wound.



**Madhav brought milk for the puppy from home.
He slowly fed the milk to the puppy using cotton.**



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Kajal and Madhav started going to see the puppy everyday. They named it Moni.



Kajal got a *roti* made for Moni every day. Madhav gave milk to the puppy from his share every day.



**Moni was starting to get better.
She could stand and drink milk on her own.**



Both of them changed Moni's bandage every other day. Kajal and Madhav cleaned her wounds too.



**Moni was much better now.
She had started to run and play.**



**Moni chased Kajal and Madhav.
She played with them.**



**Moni climbed into Madhav's lap when he sat down.
Moni loved Kajal's and Madhav's laps.**

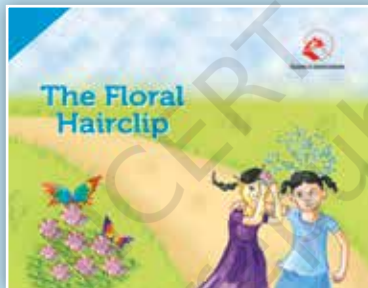


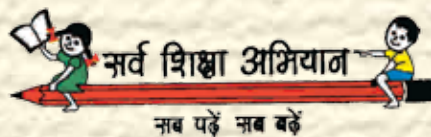
**Moni also knew the way to their home.
Moni started visiting Kajal and Madhav on her own.**



Now, Moni had become friends with Kajal and Madhav. She also dropped them to school.

Stories of Kajal and Madhav





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